

Directions for Finding Information for Distressed Community Criteria

1. Unemployment Rate

To find the unemployment rate for sub-county areas:

1. Go to www.calmis.ca.gov
2. Click the “Unemployment Rates” link.
3. Scroll down to “Sub-County Areas Annual Average.” Click on the applicable year.

To find the statewide average annual unemployment rate (for comparison):

1. Go to www.calmis.ca.gov
2. Click the “Unemployment Rates” link.
3. Scroll down to “Counties.” Click on the applicable year under “Annual Averages.”

The annual statewide average should be at the top of the list.

2. Median Family Income and Poverty Rate

The Median family income and poverty rate for Cities or Census Designated Places are found on the U.S. Census Bureau website. To find these numbers:

1. Go to www.census.gov.
2. Click the “American FactFinder” heading.
3. Click the “Data Sets” heading.
4. Click the “Census 2000 Summary File 3 (SF3) – Sample Data”.
5. Select “Detailed Tables”.
6. On the next page, click the box “show all geography types”.
7. Select the geography of your choice (select as many geographical areas as applicable). Then click “Add” to confirm the selection.
8. Click “Next” to select the tables: P77. Median FAMILY INCOME IN 1999 (DOLLARS) and P88. RATIO OF INCOME IN 1999 TO POVERTY LEVEL and click “ADD” to confirm the selection.
9. Click “Show Table” for the results.

(To find the poverty rate add up the number of persons below the poverty line and divide the result by the total number of persons.)